Letter to the Editor

Dear sirs.

I just returned from the International Association of Chiefs of Police where I picked up a copy of the MILITARY POLICE Bulletin, the 63d Military Police Corps anniversary edition (October 2004). I served in the Army from 1969–1972 in the Military Police Corps, spending a year in Vietnam (1970–1971) with the 66th Military Police Company, 18th Military Police Brigade, assigned to the [Criminal Investigation Division].

I just wanted to say how proud I was to serve my country then and also how proud I am today of our military. Every time I see a soldier in uniform, I thank them for serving this great land. I fly the flag proudly every day and tears well up in my eyes every time I hear our national anthem. I pray for the safety of our soldiers in war zones and ask that they come home soon, safely. I do not want to see Iraq become my Vietnam all over again.

I was in Washington, DC, in August and September and visited the Vietnam Memorial again, as well as the World War II Memorial (my father served in the Army in the European theater) and was moved by the power of them both. I pray that we do not have another memorial having to be built. If everyone could visit these hallowed monuments, just maybe we could work toward a peaceful solution.

Please pass on to all of our soldiers my prayers and regards for them. God bless you all and God bless the United States of America.

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